

Open Lands Board
Minutes – Meeting #7
August 16, 2007
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the County Commissioners Meeting Room

I. Meeting Called to Order – Dan Walker – Chair, at 7:10 PM

A. Roll Call (See Attachment A, Roll Call Sheet)

Board Members:

Phil Connelly – Present
Dan Dunagan – Present
Jim Ellingson – Present
Rob Johnson – Present
Dan Kraft – Present
Gary Leese – Unexcused
Alan Maki – Present
Ken Meyers – Present
John Ormiston – Present

Mike Pfliger – Excused
Craig Siphers – Present
Tim Tackes – Excused
John Vore – Present
Paul Wilson – Has resigned

Planning Staff

Vanessa Perry
Kimberli Imig

B. Review and approval of Minutes – July 19, 2007 Meeting

- **Dan Walker** had some corrections to make to the July 19th minutes. With corrections made **John Vore** motioned to approve the minutes. **Kent Myers** seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

C. Amendments to Agenda

- There were none.

D. Public comment – Items not on the agenda

- There were none.

II. Old Business

A. Technical & Conservation Subcommittee update- (approximately a 2 hour discussion)

- **John Vore** stated that the committee met on August 9th. He said that there were a few revisions that needed to be made, but Vanessa has done a fantastic job and the committee truly appreciates all her help.
- **Vanessa** state that the pre-qualifying process has not been added into the document yet. Once more information is received it will be added and brought before the board so that it can be added into the document.
- **John** said that there are some revisions just because there is some discrepancy as to whether everyone had the same information for the activity.

- There was some discussion on leveraging and pricing nothing was really decided.
- **Vanessa** reminded everyone to think about the funding worksheet when taking all of this into consideration.
- **John** asked if the funding should have more weight in this process.
- **Dan Walker** asked the board how they would like to see it. I saw it as we were scoring from these criteria, there were no outside factors and just score these criteria.
- **John** said that if we are going to base decisions on more than just the score sheet (narratives, site visits etc.) then it all needs to be on one sheet so we can all see it.
- **Dan Walker** proposed the following:
 - Part I** – Pre-app and App (the scientific scoring)
 - Part II** – Site visits (Only if it meets Part I)
 - Part III** – Funding (Have to have a limitation)

I propose that we send this to the technical committee to set that limit so that we can see this money used in a way that is most beneficial.

 - Part IV** – Final discussion among the board.

So here we have 100% scoring and each of these parts is equal to 25%.

- **John Vore** with this proposal, things are too minimized. Perhaps if you put the site visit into Application in Part I then go with 3 Parts after that. If just feels like you are weighing too much on one area than other areas.
- **Dan Walker** said ok, without percentages here are the criterion.
 - Part I** – Criteria site visit, guidelines and scoring, pre-app site
 - Part II** – Funding, budget range and funding and leveraging
 - Part III** – Discussion, vote, gut check. Board dialogue and then vote. The majority wins. It is now a 3 part process.
- **Craig** made a motion to pass Dan's Three Step Process.
- **Phil** seconded the motion.
- **Dan Walker** asked for any discussion.

The vote was made; 9 board members voted in favor of the proposal and 0 members were against the proposal.

B. Education and Communication Subcommittee update

There were no comments.

III. New Business

A. Review of presentation of Missoula CFO

- **Vanessa** did a presentation summarizing meetings with Mae Nan Ellingson and Dale Bickel, CFO of Missoula County and Patrick O'Herren, director Rural Initiative, Missoula County. (See Attachment , Ravalli County Open Lands Program power point presentation)

B. Discussion – Next steps towards launching the Open Lands Application process

- **Dan** said from the sounds of it we are pretty much ready to go. How are we going to communicate this to the public?

1. **Outreach and Education Plan**

- TV stations
- Ravalli Republic
- The Missoulian
- **Craig** will send out an email to get the process underway to people on his contact list.

C. Tasks assigned to subcommittees

- **John Vore, Craig, Dan Walker, Phil, Alan, and Dan D.** will be looking at the funding, leveraging, etc. the funding phase of the project.
- **John** will send out an email to the board to invite anyone who wants to participate.

IV. Ravalli Planning Staff: Updates and Report

A. Legal review and BCC adoption of materials

- **Vanessa** will ask the BCC to hold off on review until the revisions that were discussed tonight are made.

B. Filling the open “At Large” position

- **Michael Moore** is being discussed among the commissioners.
- **Dan Walker** brought up re-advertising the position instead of going with someone from the file.
- **Kent** agreed with Dan to re-open the position.

C. Nuts & Bolts Flyer- given to Board for their information

V. Future meeting dates, proposed agenda items, and guest speakers

A. Next Scheduled Meeting – Thursday September 20, 2007 at 7:00 PM

VI. Adjourn

- **John V.** motion to adjourn meeting.
- **Craig** seconded the motion.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM